

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1363-01
Bill No.: SB 226
Subject: Ambulances and Ambulance Districts; Elections
Type: Original
Date: February 11, 2011

Bill Summary: This proposal allows members of an ambulance district board of directors to be subject to recall from office.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Local Government	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials from the **Platte County Board of Elections** state the costs related to a recall election would be borne by the Ambulance District in question and not directly by the Board of Elections/County Clerk conducting the election or verifying the petitions.

Officials from the **St. Charles County Ambulance District** state the District would incur election expenses of \$35,000 per year if a petition is filed.

No other board of election commission, local election authorities or ambulance district responded to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes this proposal could have fiscal impact to ambulance districts if one would have a board member recalled and an election were held to replace the member recalled. The amount of costs would be unknown and would depend upon the size of the district, how many other political subdivisions are holding an election at the same time and other variables.

Oversight will show fiscal impact to ambulance districts as \$0 to unknown costs for an election.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
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AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUNDS

<u>Cost</u> - cost of recall election	<u><u>\$0 to</u></u> (Unknown)	<u><u>\$0 to</u></u> (Unknown)	<u><u>\$0 to</u></u> (Unknown)
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUNDS	<u><u>\$0 to</u></u> (Unknown)	<u><u>\$0 to</u></u> (Unknown)	<u><u>\$0 to</u></u> (Unknown)
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under this act, each member of an ambulance district board of directors shall be subject to recall from office by the registered voters of the election district from which he or she was elected. Proceedings for the recall are commenced by the filing of a notice of intention to circulate a recall petition.

The notice must be served personally, or by certified mail, on the board member and filed with the election authority. A separate notice is needed for each member sought to be recalled and must contain information explaining the reason for the recall. It must list at least one but not more than five proponents of the recall.

Within seven days, the board member may file a statement answering the statement of the proponents. The answer must be served on at least one proponent. The statement and answer are for the voters' informational purposes only.

A member cannot be recalled if he or she: 1) has not held office during the current term for more than 180 days; 2) has 180 days or less remaining on his or her current term; or 3) has had a recall election determined in his or her favor within the current term.

The person circulating the petition must sign an affidavit verifying certain information. A recall petition must be filed with the election authority not more than 180 days after the filing of the notice of intention. The number of signatures needed shall equal at least 25% of the number of voters who voted in the most recent gubernatorial election in the election district.

The election authority has twenty days from the date of filing the petition to determine if enough voters signed the petition. It must file a certificate showing whether there are enough signatures. If the election authority certifies the petition does not have enough signatures, it may be supplemented within ten days of the date of certificate. The election authority must then certify the supplemented petition. If it is insufficient, no further action shall be taken.

If the petition is sufficient, the election authority shall submit its certificate to the board of directors and order an election within a certain amount of time. Nominations for board membership openings shall be made by filing a statement of candidacy with the election authority.

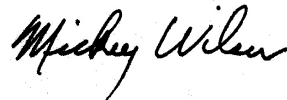
FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Any time prior to forty-two days before the election, the member sought to be recalled may offer his or her resignation and the recall question shall be removed from the ballot and the office declared vacant.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Secretary of State
Platte County Board of Elections
St. Charles County Ambulance District

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Director
February 11, 2011